GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Dept. - Allegations of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in Y.S.R.Kadapa District – Charges framed – Not proved in the inquiry report – Disagreement factors communicated - Explanation received – Examined and Rejected - Imposing a punishment of Stoppage of One (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then DEE, PRI SD, Jammalamdugu and presently at PRI SD, Kamalapuram – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 785 Dated: 09-10-2025

Read the following:

1.Vigilance Report No.66, dated 25.07.2017 of DG, V&E.
2.G.O.Rt.No.475, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
3.G.O.Rt.No.477, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
4.WSD, dated 05.12.2018 of Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then DEE, PRI SD, Jammalamdugu.
5.G.O.Rt.No.359, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.10.05.2019.
6.Lr.No.SA1/V&E cases/Suddapalli/2019, dated 05.09.2023 of Inquiring Authority.
7.Govt. Memo No.8215(C.No.283878)/Vig.II/2017-4, dt.20.02.2025.
8.Representation, dt.05.05.2025 of Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then DEE, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu.

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Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement on the allegation of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in Y.S.R.Kadapa District , has recommended for disciplinary action against Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu among others.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and four (4) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly framing the following articles of charge against him under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense vide G.O. 3rd read above:-

Charge:

That Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamadugu, YSR Kadapa District and now working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Sub-Division, Kadapa has committed grave irregularities in execution of project for comprehensive development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for “providing CC Roads and Drains in Suddapalli SC Colony of Peddamudium Mandal in YSR Kadapa District” and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.11,40,983/-, in as much as he:-

1. Allowed laying of CC pavement without obtaining mix design report and also approval from the competent authority.
2. Check measured and recommended for payment without ascertaining the quality of CC pavement resulting in substandard quality of work, worth Rs.11,40,983/-.
3. Check measured 70.40m length of CC pavement more than actual length executed.

That Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu, YSR Kadapa district and now working as Deputy Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Kadapa by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant, in contravention of Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the G.O. 5th read above, Government appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against the

charged officer, Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and four (4) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and four (4) other co-charged officers, as not proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have furnished a copy of inquiry report together with the following disagreement factors to the charged officer, Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, within (10) days for taking further necessary action in the matter:-

i. The field engineers have to ensure quality and quantity of the work. The contention that work was entrusted to the Gram Panchayat, who were not having technical knowledge is not tenable.

ii. Government vide Memo No.1073/Progs.I/2016-2, dt.28.01.2016 issued orders allowing M20 grade in CC rural roads pertaining to the year, 2016 whereas, the works in question were executed prior to that instructions and not applicable to this case.

iii. Thus, the Charged Officer has executed the work without design mix and indulged in substandard execution of work and responsible for the lapse.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu has stated that after completion of this work during the year 2012, the engineers and field Superintending Engineers are both represented to Technical Advisor to Govt. on MGNREGS works stating that it is not practically possible to adopt design Mix for M20 Grade for internal CC roads executed in SC/ST Colonies of rural areas, where the width of internal roads is 3mts and intensity of traffic is less than 50 CVPD. This issue was discussed during Superintending Engineers conference with Technical Adviser to Government on MGNREGS works. After careful examinations of the above issue, Government issued Memo No.1073/Progms.I/2016-1, dated 25.01.2016 to adopt VCC 1:2:4 equivalent M20 mix for the internal roads where width is less than 3 mtrs and traffic intensity is less than 50 CVPD. Hence, he has requested to consider the above circular memo and drop the above charge framed against him.

7. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against the charged officer, Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Kamalapuram under Rule 9(iv) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in this disciplinary matter.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P.Venkata Rao, the then DEE, PRI SD, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE, PRI SD, Kamalapuram. Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.
Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Dept., A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
SF/SC (283878).

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